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Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's office action dated July 8, 2009, Applicants elect species a) "molding the elongate stem element and then molding the sealing element upon the elongate stem element" without traverse.

The claims which read on the elected species are: 17, 19, 20, 21, 24, and 25.

It is respectfully urged that the claims now pending before the Examiner are in condition for allowance. A notification of allowability is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner determine that a telephone interview would be beneficial in resolving any of the issues in this case, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the telephone number noted below.

Respectfully submitted,

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